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Mail Stop Amendment
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SUBJECT: Applicant: Stuart Lawson
 Serial No: 10/009,474
 Filed: November 16, 2001
 For: A VALVE ASSEMBLY WITH DAMPER MEANS
 Group: 3753
 Examiner: Ramesh Krishnamurthy
 Docket No: GJ-225J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2004 in the subject application. Also enclosed is an Extension of Time Within the Third Month along with a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the extension filing fee and a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the fee for adding two (2) independent claims.

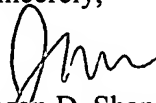
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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

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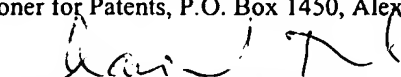
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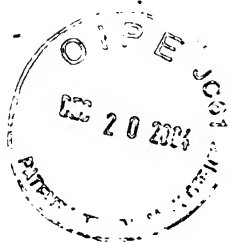

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.